

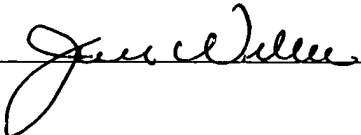
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By: 

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HELMUT BACHER, ET AL.

Application No. 10/009,454

Filed: November 5, 2001

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
PREPARING PLASTIC MATERIAL, IN  
PARTICULAR, THERMOPLASTIC  
MATERIAL

Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No. 1833

Examiner: Tony Glen Soohoo

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1723

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111  
October 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As a precautionary measure, applicants request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the restriction requirement dated October 8, 2003, applicants elect with traverse apparatus claims 1-12 of claim Group I.